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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 9.4% IN FEBRUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 19, 1990 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 9.4 percent to 30.8 billion passenger miles in February, and the number of passengers reached 32.2 million, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic revenue passenger miles grew 6.3 percent in February over the same month last year. Available seat miles increased 2.8 percent. Passengers increased 5.8 percent to 29.4 million, while the load factor was 58.7 percent, up from 56.7 percent for February a year ago.

In international service, traffic in February climbed 21.0 percent, and available seat miles rose 13.8 percent. Passengers increased 15.2 percent to 2.7 million, and the load factor amounted to 60.8 percent, compared to 57.2 percent last year.

For the first two months of 1990, revenue passenger miles in both domestic and international service were up 8.1 percent to 63.8 billion, and the number of passengers rose to 65.2 million, a gain of 5.2 percent. The available seat miles increased 4.8 percent, and the load factor amounted to 58.2 percent versus 56.4 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

FEBRUARY 1990 - 1989

	FEBRUARY			YEAR TO DATE		
	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	27,799	29,423	5.8	56,808	59,412	4.6
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	22,283,279	23,690,258	6.3	45,989,421	48,229,456	4.9
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	39,280,933	40,387,065	2.8	82,732,470	84,975,551	2.7
LOAD FACTOR (%)	56.7	58.7		55.6	56.8	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,371	2,732	15.2	5,159	5,762	11.7
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	5,846,184	7,071,100	21.0	13,007,723	15,535,951	19.4
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	10,225,062	11,636,977	13.8	21,786,547	24,549,643	12.7
LOAD FACTOR (%)	57.2	60.8		59.7	63.3	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	30,170	32,155	6.6	61,967	65,174	5.2
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	28,129,463	30,761,358	9.4	58,997,144	63,765,407	8.1
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	49,505,995	52,024,042	5.1	104,519,017	109,525,194	4.8
LOAD FACTOR (%)	56.8	59.1		56.4	58.2	

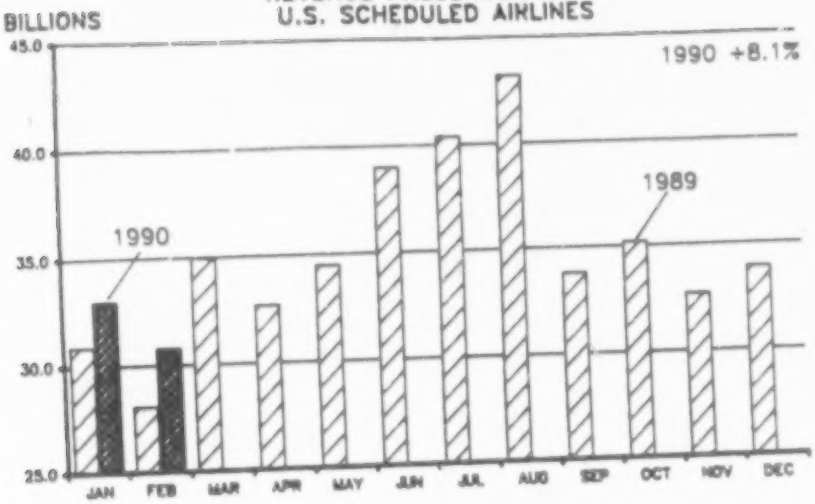
CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, AND SOUTHWEST.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

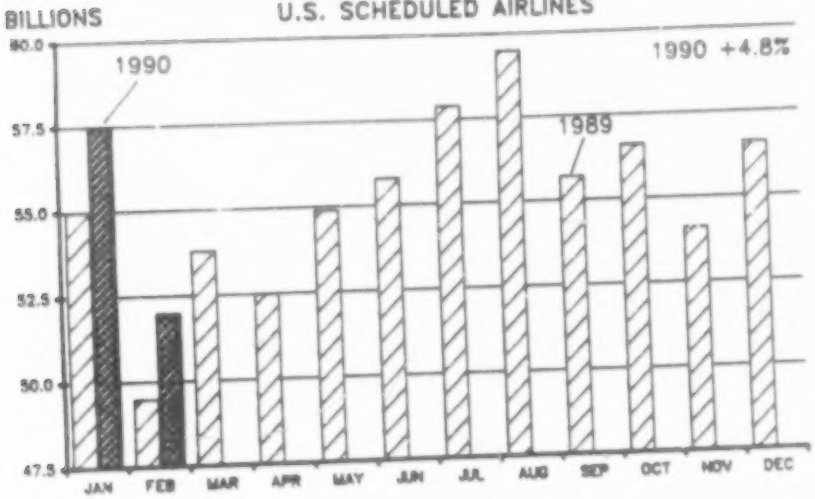
MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989				
January	30,867,681	55,013,022	56.1	31,797
February	28,129,463	49,505,995	56.8	30,170
March	35,013,709	53,796,842	65.1	37,237
April	32,657,967	52,468,698	62.2	33,993
May	34,457,457	54,919,755	62.7	35,908
June	39,058,160	55,791,647	70.0	38,449
July	40,820,138	58,446,370	69.8	39,608
August	43,233,256	59,457,357	72.7	42,042
September	33,818,820	55,656,890	60.8	33,668
October	35,184,080	56,629,766	62.1	36,562
November	32,731,343	54,079,022	60.5	34,941
December	33,944,475	56,649,615	59.9	34,822
TOTAL 1989	419,916,549	662,414,979	63.4	429,197
Jan - Feb 1989	58,997,144	104,519,017	56.4	61,967
1990				
January	33,004,049	57,501,152	57.4	33,019
February	30,761,358	52,024,042	59.1	32,155
TOTAL 1990	63,765,407	109,525,194	58.2	65,174

	PERCENT CHANGE		
	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990/1989			
February	9.4	5.1	6.6
Jan - February	8.1	4.8	5.2

PASSENGER TRAFFIC
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOAD FACTOR
PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES